

Public Notice – Environmental Permit Modification

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a proposed permit modification from the State Water Control Board that will regulate the withdrawal and discharge of water from the Ragged Mountain Reservoir Expansion Project, South Fork Rivanna River and Moores Creek, in Albemarle County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: From publication date through 11:59 PM on Friday, October 14, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE & LOCATION: Thursday, September 29, 2011, at 6:00 PM, Lane Auditorium at the Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority, 695 Moores Creek Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22902. VWP Permit Number 06-1574.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority has applied for a permit modification for the Ragged Mountain Reservoir Expansion Project. The permit modification will allow the applicant to construct an earthen dam rather than a concrete dam and phase filling of the reservoir with water. The proposed activity will result in additional permanent wetland impacts of 0.02 of an acre; additional permanent fill of 699 linear feet of stream bed; a decrease of 1,250 linear feet of permanently inundated stream bed; and interim in-stream flow, dam release, and water withdrawal limits for phased filling of the reservoir with water. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must be received by DEQ during the comment period stated above. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. To make a statement at a public hearing, write your name on a sign-up sheet available before the hearing. You may sign up only for yourself. The time allowed for each statement is set by the hearing officer. Written comments must include: 1) The names, *mailing* addresses and telephone numbers of the person commenting and of all people represented by the citizen; and 2) A brief, informal statement how the modification proposal affects the citizen. The public may review the draft permit modification and request for modification at the DEQ office named below by appointment.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brenda Winn, DEQ, Water Division, POB 1105, Richmond, VA 23218, telephone: (804) 698-4516; email: brenda.winn@deq.virginia.gov; fax: (804) 698-4032. Street address for private carrier deliveries: DEQ, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219.